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1. HUA KUO-FENG ARRIVED AT SURCIN AIRPORT MID-MORNING AUGUST
21 WHERE HE WAS GREETED WARMLY WITH FOLK DANCING AND MUSIC BUT
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NOT TITO. IN CONTRAST TO WHAT WE HAD HEARD PREVIOUSLY (REFTEL),
TITO KEPT TO NOW-NORMAL PROTOCOL AND GREETED HUA AT THE WHITE
PALACE IN DEDINJE. AT THE AIRPORT TO GREET HUA WERE PRESIDENCY
AND LCY PRESIDUM MEMBER ZHARKOVIC, THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL,
MAYOR OF BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA'S AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, AND OTHER
SECOND LEVEL PARTY AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. NO STATEMENTS
WERE MADE AND HUA WAS WHISKED OFF TO THE WHITE PALACE AFTER

BRIEFLY SHAKING HANDS WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS, GREETING (AND APPLAUDING, CHINESE FASHION) MEMBERS OF THE PRC EMBASSY, AND WATCHING SHORT FOLK DANCE.

2. AT THE WHITE PALACE, TITO, WEARING A DARK SUIT AND LOOKING FIT, STRODE OUTSIDE TO THE RECEPTION AREA WITHOUT A CANE AND WITH CONFIDENT STEADY STEPS; PACED ABOUT FOR THREE OR FOUR MINUTES WAITING FOR THE MOTORCADE; AND EMBRACED (BUT NOT KISSED) AN APPARENTLY FIT, SMILING, AND CONFIDENT HUA. AGAIN, NO STATEMENTS WERE MADE. TITO STOOD RAMROD STRAIGHT THROUGH THE TWO NATIONAL ANTHEMS; REVIEWED THE TROOPS WITH HUA; AND THEN INTRODUCED HIM TO TOP YUGOSLAV LEADERS, INCLUDING FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT MARKOVIC, PRESIDENCY VICE PRESIDENT HODZA, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT DJURANOVIC, PARTY PRESIDUM SECRETARY DOLANC, MOD LJUBICIC, AND VARIOUS OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM AND FEC. (KARDELJ IS NOT IN BELGRADE.) AFTER THE 15-MINUTE CEREMONY, THE TWO LEADERS BEGAN THE FIRST SESSION OF TALKS.

3. HIGHLIGHTS OF HUA'S PROGRAM, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED TO FOREIGN PRESS ONLY YESTERDAY BUT FOR SOME REASON HAS YET TO APPEAR IN YUGOSLAV MEDIA, ARE AS FOLLOWS: AUGUST 21: ARRIVAL, WREATH-LAYING AT TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER; TALKS WITH TIO, DINNER HOSTED BY TITO. (TOASTS, WE UNDERSTAND, WILL BE GIVEN.) AUGUST 22: TALKS WITH FEC PRESIDENT DJURANOVIC; MOTORCADE WITH TITO THROUGH CITY; TALKS WITH TITO; TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY AT CONFIDENTIAL

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PARK OF FRIENDSHIP; VISIT TO MILITARY NUSEUM; RECEIVING OF GOLDEN PLAQUE OF BELGRADE; PERFORMANCE AT NATIONAL THEATER. AUGUST 23: VISIT AGRICULTURAL PLANT AND FACTORY; RECEPTION FOR HEADS OF FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS; MEETING WITH SERBIAN PRESIDENCY PRESIDENT (VIDIC); DINNER HOSTED BY VIDIC. AUGUST 24; VISIT TO MACEDONIAN CAPITAL SKOPJE; TOUR OF CAR FACTORY; VISIT TO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND ARTS; MEETING WITH VARIOUS MACEDONIAN REPUBLIC OFFICIALS; DINNER HOSTED BY MACEDONIAN LCY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDENT CEMERSKI. AUGUST 25: VISIT TO ZAGREB; TOUR OF FACTORY; TALKS WITH CROATION PRESIDENCY PRESIDENT BLAZEVIC; DEPARTURE FOR BRIONI. AUGUST 26 AND 27: NO SCHEDULE. AUGUST 28: VISIT TO SHIPYARD IN PULA; FINAL TALKS WITH TITO; "INTIMATE" FAREWELL DINNER HOSTED BY TITO. AUGUST 29: DEPART FROM PULA (AT 0940) FOR TEHRAN.

4. ON AUGUST 20 YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTRY ISSUED A STATEMENT SAYING THAT YUGOSLAVIA ATTACHES THE "GREATEST IMPORTANCE" TO THE HUA VISIT; NOTES THE DEVELOPMENT OF BROAD COOPERATION BETWEEN PRC AND YUGOSLAVIA SINCE TITO'S VISIT TO PRC LAST AUGUST; AND ASSERTS THE DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES TO PROMOTE BILATERAL RELATIONS "IN ALL AREAS." FOREIGN MINISTRY STATEMENT ALSO NOTES THE MANY TIES BETWEEN YUGOSLAV AND CHINESE

PEOPLES STEMMING FROM THE AUTHENTICITY OF THEIR SOCIALIST REVOLUTIONS AND THEIR COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW THEIR OWN DISTINCT ROLES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM; RECOGNIZES DIFFERENCES AS WELL AS SIMILARITIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES BUT SAYS THAT THESE DIFFERENCES ARE NOT OBSTACLES TO COOPERATION; AND DESCRIBES HUA VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AS "INDISPUTABLY A MAJOR INTERNATIONAL EVENT." STATEMENT CONCLUDES THAT YUGOSLAV COOPERATION WITH CHINA IS BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT, NAMELY, INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY, RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, RIGHT OF EACH COUNTRY TO CHOOSE ITS OWN PATH OF INTERNAL DEVELOPMENT, AND NON-INTERFERENCE. STATEMENT ASSESSES HUA VISIT AS NEW STIMULUS TO JOINT ENDEAVORS TO EXPAND FURTHER LONG-TERM COOPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND PRC "IN ALL AREAS."

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5. PRESS BUILD-UP FOR HUA'S NINE-DAY VISIT HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND ENTHUSIASTIC. A RECURRING FORMULATION TO WHICH YUGOSLAV PHRASE MAKERS SEEM SPECIALLY ATTACHED IS "CHINA SETS OUT ON ANOTHER LONG MARCH." ARTICLES AND SIGNED EDITORIALS HAVE STRESSED DRAMATIC GROWTH OF YUGOSLAV-CHINESE RELATIONS SINCE TITO'S VISIT TO THE PRC LAST AUGUST; THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUALITY, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND NON-INTERFERENCE ON WHICH THESE RELATIONS ARE BASED; READINESS OF BOTH SIDES FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF RELATIONS IN ALL FIELDS; AGREEMENT OF BOTH COUNTRIES THAT THE IMPROVEMENT OF RELATIONS IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST ANY THIRD COUNTRY; AND IMPETUS HUA VISIT WILL GIVE TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF YUGOSLAV-CHINESE RELATIONS.

6. YUGOSLAV PRESS TREATMENT IN ANTICIPATION OF THE HUA VISIT, WHILE HAILING IT AS A STEP FURTHER STRENGTHENING YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENCE AND NON-ALIGNMENT, HAS AVOIDED EXPLICITLY PROVOKING THE SOVIETS. CLOSEST THEY HAVE COME SO FAR IS A LEAD STAGE-SETTER IN AUGUST 20 ENGLISH LANGUAGE TANJUG WHICH INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING: "SIGNIFICANT TOO IS THE CONCEPT WIDELY ACCEPTED ALSO ON A WORLD SCALE, OF THE NEED TO ELIMINATE FROM INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS EVERYTHING THAT LEADS TO CREATING AND MAINTAINING INEQUALITY AMONG COUNTRIES AND NATIONS, OR TO THE VARIOUS OTHER FORMS OF DOMINATION AND HEGEMONISM." WE HAVE SEEN NO OTHER REFERENCE TO THE EVILS OF "HEGEMONISM" IN PRESS COVERAGE TIED TO THE HUA VISIT.

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